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SIR:

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Applicants respectfully request a corrected filing receipt. The attached filing receipt mailed August 29, 2002 states the filing date as April 18, 2002 corresponding to applicants' filing of formal drawings rather than the filing date of May 1, 2001 corresponding to applicants' deposit of the application with drawings allegedly omitted."

It is believed that the OIPE continues to treat this application as one that requires drawings to receive a filing date. To the contrary, the application contains method claims and

*Applicants use the term "allegedly omitted" because the application incorporated by reference the parent provisional application which included most of the referenced drawings.

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accordingly does not require drawings in order to receive a filing date. The application is therefore entitled to the filing date of deposit (May 1, 2001) even if the drawings were omitted (MPEP § 601.01(f) and § 601.01(g)).

Applicants respectfully submit that the issue of the filing date was resolved months ago in favor of May 1, 2001. The OIPE had incorrectly treated this case as an application that could not be granted a filing date without drawings and sent a notice withdrawing the originally granted filing date of May 1, 2001. In response, applicants' attorney telephoned Ms. Robinson of the OIPE who referred him to the Office of Petitions. Applicants' attorney then telephone the Office of Petitions using the number Ms. Robinson provided and discussed the problem with Ms. Gena Jones. A few days later Ms. Jones telephoned applicants' attorney and stated that a Notice of Omitted Item(s) would be issued and that the prior inconsistent notice from the OIPE would be withdrawn. This statement was noted in applicant's Preliminary Amendment, filed on April 12, 2002. But the OIPE has not yet sent the Notice of Omitted Item(s) nor withdrawn the inconsistent Notice of Withdrawal.

The procedure applicable to patent applications filed with drawings omitted is set forth in MPEP § 601.01(f) and MPEP § 601.01(g). Applications containing method claims are not denied the filing date of deposit even if the drawings are omitted.

MPEP 601.01(f) specifically notes that drawings are not required to obtain a filing date for applications containing method claims. It further provides that even if such application describes drawing figures but is filed the without drawings, the application should be treated as set forth in MPEP § 601.01(g), namely it should be granted the filing date of deposit and a "Notice of Omitted Items" should be sent.

The pertinent direction from MPEP 601.01(f) reads as follows:

A nonprovisional application having at least one claim...directed to the subject matter discussed above for which a drawing is usually not considered essential for a filing date, describing drawing figure(s) in the specification, but filed without drawings will be treated as an application without all of the drawing figures referred to in the specification as discussed in MPEP § 601.01(g), so long as the application contains something that can be construed as a written description.

The proper treatment of such an application as set forth in MPEP § 601.01(g) is the mailing of a 'Notice of Omitted Item(s) indicating that the application papers so deposited have been accorded a filing date, but are lacking some of the figures of drawings described in the specification.

In the present case, the application contains method claims. Specifically, it contains 32 method claims (1-17, 22, 28, 39 and 40-42). Furthermore it is abundantly clear that the application contains a written description. Indeed it contains 35 pages of written description including specific recitations of the methods claimed. See p. 19, line 13 *et seq.* Accordingly the application should be accorded the May 1, 2001 filing date.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request the mailing of the appropriate Notice of Omitted Item(s), withdrawal of the prior inconsistent Notice, and correction of the filing receipt mailed August 29, 2002.

No fee is believed required for entry of this Request; if any fee is due however, please charge the required fee or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 501358.

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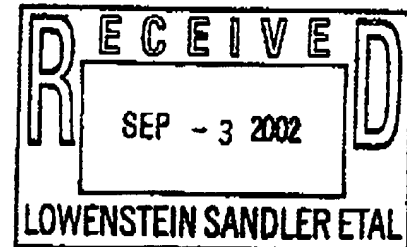
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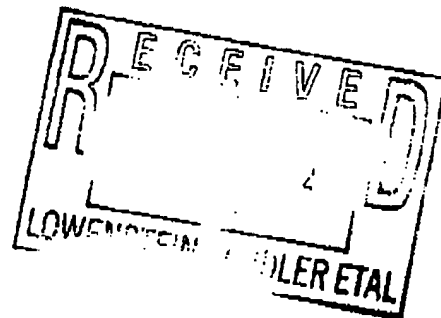
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